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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

 - international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1–6 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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the claims:
 nos. 1–12 as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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the drawings:
 sheets 1/2–2/2 as originally filed/furnished
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the description, pages _____
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the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1–12	YES
	Claims	—	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1–12	YES
	Claims	—	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1–12	YES
	Claims	—	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1). Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: US6404655
 D2: US2003090228
 D3: US2003063482

2). D1, which is considered to be the closest prior art, discloses a:

- circuit arrangement for drives, for providing or producing three-phase current with at least two driver stages, it being possible to actuate each driver stage by a pulse-width modulated input signal (figure 1), and in which
- the driver stage or each driver stage (117) in figure 2 is connected preferably to a step-down actuator stage (50) in figure 3 in such a way that
 - when a first driver stage (117, Q2) is actuated a first switching device of a step-down actuator stage (Q2) actuates a low-pass device (50) of the step-down actuator stage, and that
 - when a second driver stage (117, Q1) is actuated a second switching device of the step-down actuator stage (Q1) actuates the low-pass device (50) of the step-down actuator stage (figures 1 and 3).

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PCT/DE2005/000358**Box No. V** **Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

- 3). Differences between claim 1 and D1:
- production of a bipolar output DC signal as a function of a pulse-width modulated input signal.
- 4). D1 merely describes a filter circuit for suppressing power system reactions and presents for this purpose a suitable driver circuit without transformer. A person skilled in the art who wishes to perform quiet closed-loop control of the motor current in a drive, for example torque motor for auxiliary drives, in an aircraft would be little concerned with the power system harmonics from D1 and would therefore have no reason to connect an LC upstream of the engine but rather would use the conventional circuit from D2.
- D1 presents a regulated power system filter with a step-up converter (30) and three-phase current bridge (40). However, the present application describes a completely different circuit: a signal converter from PWM to analogue.
- Claim 1 therefore appears to be novel and inventive (PCT Article 33(2) and (3)).
- 5). Claims 2-12 describe the connection of the components and therefore also appear to be novel and inventive (PCT Article 33(2) and (3)).